

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicants:** **MADAR, Piero Andreas, et al.**  
**Serial Number:** **10/580,997**  
**Atty. Dkt:** **PU030323**  
**Filing Date:** **May 26, 2006**  
**For:** **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RESTRICTING PLAYBACK  
OF RECORDED DIGITAL SIGNALS**  
**Art Unit:** **2431**  
**Examiner:** **VAUGHAN, Michael R.**

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING RCE**

**Mail Stop RCE**  
**Commissioner for Patents**  
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**Sir:**

In response to the final Office Action dated November 23, 2009, for which a response is due February 23, 2010, which period is extended by one month to expire on March 23, 2010 by the attached Petition for Extension of Time. An accompanying Applicants' Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") is attached herewith. Please charge the fees for the RCE and Petition, and any other fees due in connection with this response, to deposit account 07-0832. Reconsideration of the application in view of the amendment and response is respectfully requested.

**Listing and Amendment of the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.